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California Desert Tortoises – Mojave's Living Symbol

Did you know that the desert tortoise is California's state reptile? Once plentiful, desert tortoise populations have diminished rapidly and are now listed as a threatened species protected by Federal and State laws. Many factors are contributing to their decline, including the loss of habitat due to growth of desert towns and recreational activities, disease (often spread by the release of captive tortoises), vandalism, illegal collecting for pets, and predation by ravens.

How Can You Help?

Ride or drive on designated routes only. This is tortoise habitat. Vehicles can crush tortoises and eggs in their burrows and destroy the plants they depend on to survive.

Watch tortoises from a respectful distance. Never touch or move a wild tortoise.

Never release an unwanted pet into the wild. *Contact the BLM or the California Department of Fish and Game to locate an adoption center.*

Check under vehicles parked in the desert — tortoises may use vehicles for shade.











































































